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London Bureau, FBIS
c/o American Embassy
London W.1, England

Dear [Redacted]

Subject: American non-Government Subscribers
to BBC Publications

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I have just returned from two weeks annual leave and consequently have not had an opportunity to reply to your 5 April letter concerning Mr. Campbell's inquiry as to our views on the propriety of the BBC accepting subscriptions from American non-Government groups.

Actually, I think Mr. Campbell has been more than kind to refer this matter to us in any way and I wish to assure him that we do not object in the least. We are, of course, depending on the BBC not to attribute monitored material carried in their publications to the FBIS. There is no doubt in my mind that anyone would, especially after last year's flurry with the "Manchester Guardian" over an FBIS monitored Peking broadcast which I am sure the BBC would like to have disclaimed.

I sent you a message yesterday advising that I plan to visit England on or about 31 May and as soon as time permits I will write a letter to Mr. Campbell setting forth several matters which I feel should come before the cognizance of the Joint Coordinating Committee.

Sincerely,

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